



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2760

Introduced 2/21/2013, by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 55/6.4 new

Amends the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act. Provides that a physician licensed in another state may oversee or direct the delivery of skilled home care services provided by home health and home nursing agencies licensed in Illinois following care or treatment originally provided to the patient in the state in which the physician is licensed to practice medicine until care is transitioned to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois under certain specified conditions, including: (i) contact between the patient's out-of-state physician and the patient's primary care physician in Illinois, if any; (ii) the initial transition period may not exceed 90 days from the date of the order for skilled home care services; and (iii) a copy of the license of the out-of-state physician must be retained in the patient's chart.

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1 AN ACT concerning health facilities.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing
5 Agency Licensing Act is amended by adding Section 6.4 as
6 follows:

7 (210 ILCS 55/6.4 new)

8 Sec. 6.4. Oversight and direction of skilled home care
9 services. A physician licensed in another state may oversee or
10 direct the delivery of skilled home care services provided by
11 home health and home nursing agencies licensed in Illinois
12 following care or treatment originally provided to the patient
13 in the state in which the physician is licensed to practice
14 medicine until care is transitioned to a physician licensed to
15 practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois under the
16 following conditions:

17 (1) The out-of-state physician shall ask the patient
18 whether the patient has a primary care physician in
19 Illinois. If the patient has a primary care physician in
20 Illinois, the out-of-state physician shall contact the
21 primary care physician and obtain the concurrence of that
22 individual for ordering home health care services. The
23 out-of-state physician shall make a notation of that

1 contact in the patient's medical record.

2 (2) Without exception, the initial transition period
3 may not exceed 90 days from the date of the order for
4 skilled home care services. Any significant change in the
5 patient's condition shall be communicated by the Illinois
6 licensed agency to the out-of-state physician and the
7 patient's Illinois-licensed physician.

8 (3) A copy of the license of the out-of-state physician
9 must be retained in the patient's chart.